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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2018 requesting the following information:

"I would like to have figures for the last 5 years for numbers of recruits for each service. I would like this broken down by county across England for each year. For Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales I am happy for the information to be given for the whole of each country – I do not require county breakdown. As well as the absolute numbers e.g. 6000, please could I also have the figures as a percentage of the local working age population (aged 16-64) for each area."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relating to your request. The data is presented in the spreadsheets entitled "Regular Intakes in the United Kingdom" which accompany this letter.

Please note that each Service maintains its own records on recruitment which is why the spreadsheets are not identical. This is particularly apparent with the Royal Navy / Royal Marines (RN/RM) where the data is on two sheets. The RN/RM 2017/2018 stats have been produced on a new system which was implemented last year. You are also requested to note that the RN/RM do not record recruiting location by county, but by recruiting office (AFCO) only.

The statistics held the Royal Air Force are only for those applicants who manually entered a county/country on their application, and these stats do not include candidates who did not enter a county/country. Further to this, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish stats are also broken down by county.

Regarding the part of the request for the percentile figures of the local working age population for each area requested I must inform you that this information is not held. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act I advise that you may wish to contact the Office of National Statistics to ascertain whether they have such data.

You may also be interested in the intake figures for the last five years which can be found in our Quarterly service personnel statistics publication in which Table 5a contains UK Regulars intake and Table 7b contains FR20s intake:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/706934/1_Apr_2018_-_SPS.xlsx

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat FOI

Regular Service Royal Navy and Royal Marines entrants by region and office

		2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Northern England	AFCO Carlisle (RN)	70	60	60	60
Northern England	AFCO Hull (RN)	90	50	70	50
Northern England	AFCO Leeds (RN)	90	80	90	80
Northern England	AFCO Liverpool (RN)	140	110	110	120
Northern England	AFCO Manchester (RN)	120	100	90	110
Northern England	AFCO Middlesbrough (RN)	160	100	130	100
Northern England	AFCO Newcastle (RN)	100	100	100	110
Northern England	AFCO Preston (RN)	100	90	90	100
Northern England	AFCO Sheffield (RN)	60	60	60	60
Northern England	OCLC Manchester	50	70	70	70
Eastern England	ACIO Derby (RN)	40	40	30	30
Eastern England	AFCO Brighton (RN)	40	40	30	40
Eastern England	AFCO Cambridge (RN)	20	20	20	30
Eastern England	AFCO Chatham (RN)	30	30	30	20
Eastern England	AFCO Ipswich	40	30	30	30
Eastern England	AFCO Leicester (RN)	40	20	20	20
Eastern England	AFCO Lincoln (RN)	60	50	30	40
Eastern England	AFCO London (RN)	80	90	90	70
Eastern England	AFCO Luton (RN)	60	40	60	50
Eastern England	AFCO Norwich (RN)	30	20	20	40
Eastern England	AFCO Nottingham (RN)	40	30	20	30
Eastern England	AFCO Oxford (RN)	30	30	30	30
Eastern England	AFCO Peterborough (RN)	40	30	30	30
Eastern England	AFCO Portsmouth (RN)	90	80	120	130
Eastern England	AFCO Reading (RN)	30	20	20	30
Eastern England	CIO Canterbury	40	40	30	40
Eastern England	CIO Chelmsford	30	40	30	30
Eastern England	CIO Guildford	20	30	40	50
Eastern England	RN & RM Careers Southampton	60	60	60	60
Eastern England	OCLC Peterborough	50	50	60	60
Eastern England	OCLC London	60	70	90	80
Wales & Western England	AFCO Birmingham (RN)	70	60	50	50
Wales & Western England	AFCO Bournemouth (RN)	80	70	70	70
Wales & Western England	AFCO Bristol (RN)	60	60	50	50
Wales & Western England	AFCO Coventry (RN)	10	20	20	20
Wales & Western England	AFCO Exeter (RN)	70	60	80	80
Wales & Western England	AFCO Gloucester (RN)	70	70	60	60
Wales & Western England	AFCO Plymouth (RN)	130	110	160	140
Wales & Western England	AFCO Redruth (RN)	70	60	50	60
Wales & Western England	AFCO Shrewsbury (RN)	30	40	40	40
Wales & Western England	AFCO Stoke (RN)	30	30	30	40
Wales & Western England	CIO Taunton(RN & RM)	60	50	40	40
Wales & Western England	CIO Wolverhampton	20	20	20	30
Wales & Western England	OCLC Birmingham	30	40	40	40
Wales & Western England	OCLC Plymouth	60	80	60	50
Admiralty Interview Board	Admiralty Interview Board	60	60	60	60
England Total		2740	2520	2580	2660

Regular Service Royal Navy and Royal Marines entrants by region and office. Cont.

Scotland Total	290	260	270	290
Wales Total	140	160	170	160
N. ireland Total	60	50	60	60
UK Total	3230	2990	3080	3170

Royal Navy and Royal Marines Regular Service Entrants by Recruiting Office

	2017/18
Admiralty Interview Board	100
AFCO Birmingham (RN)	30
AFCO Bournemouth (RN)	30
AFCO Brighton (RN)	30
AFCO Bristol (RN)	70
AFCO Cambridge (RN)	20
AFCO Canterbury (RN)	20
AFCO Carlisle (RN)	40
AFCO Chatham (RN)	50
AFCO Chelmsford	40
AFCO Coventry (RN)	20
AFCO Derby	30
AFCO Exeter (RN)	70
AFCO Gloucester (RN)	60
AFCO Guildford (RN)	110
AFCO Hull (RN)	60
AFCO Ipswich (RN)	40
AFCO Leeds (RN)	100
AFCO Leicester (RN)	30
AFCO Lincoln (RN)	30
AFCO Liverpool (RN)	120
AFCO London (RN)	100
AFCO Luton (RN)	60
AFCO Manchester (RN)	150
AFCO Middlesbrough (RN)	120
AFCO Newcastle (RN)	120
AFCO Norwich (RN)	30
AFCO Nottingham (RN)	50
AFCO Oxford (RN)	40
AFCO Peterborough (RN)	50
AFCO Plymouth (RN)	240
AFCO Portsmouth (RN)	150
AFCO Preston (RN)	70
AFCO Reading (RN)	40
AFCO Redruth (RN)	60
AFCO Sheffield (RN)	80
AFCO Shrewsbury (RN)	30
AFCO Southampton (RN)	60
AFCO Stoke (RN)	20
AFCO Taunton (RN)	50
AFCO Wolverhampton (RN)	50
England Total	2670
Scotland Total	300
Wales Total	210
N. Ireland Total	60
UK Total	3240

ARMY Recruiting by Region 13-18

Country	County	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
England	Barking and Dagenham	21	12	7	13	9
England	Barnet	31	24	35	38	18
England	Barnsley	44	40	61	50	29
England	Bath and North East Somerset	29	35	48	34	40
England	Bedford	19	30	28	21	14
England	Bexley	13	15	16	17	17
England	Birmingham	183	159	160	112	108
England	Blackburn with Darwen	21	46	37	22	19
England	Blackpool	39	75	73	54	40
England	Bolton	42	52	63	51	51
England	Bournemouth	34	29	26	38	25
England	Bracknell Forest	17	24	26	19	14
England	Bradford	61	97	89	67	49
England	Brent	25	19	22	10	20
England	Brighton and Hove	29	28	39	36	14
England	Bristol	114	110	119	92	87
England	Bromley	28	37	39	33	23
England	Buckinghamshire	65	74	84	71	56
England	Bury	27	31	35	30	33
England	Calderdale	33	41	45	24	26
England	Cambridgeshire	118	133	157	135	97
England	Camden	29	31	25	20	17
England	Central Bedfordshire	28	50	37	37	35
England	Cheshire East	60	71	69	68	62
England	Cheshire West and Chester	72	83	84	50	68
England	City of London	2	2	4	2	1
England	Cornwall	78	115	129	109	84
England	Coventry	55	61	48	43	48
England	Croydon	35	44	38	49	23
England	Cumbria	84	113	123	89	78
England	Darlington	34	31	52	34	27
England	Derby	26	39	42	50	34
England	Derbyshire	133	134	151	134	107
England	Devon	160	179	200	167	130
England	Doncaster	69	71	68	80	60
England	Dorset	90	92	110	89	71
England	Dudley	32	50	51	39	39
England	Durham	85	172	152	128	105
England	Ealing	28	29	29	19	23
England	East Riding of Yorkshire	82	82	90	80	56
England	East Sussex	68	68	101	81	65
England	Enfield	18	19	24	22	16
England	Essex	188	196	237	242	176
England	Gateshead	24	53	44	45	37
England	Gloucestershire	83	121	130	106	101
England	Greenwich	26	22	31	38	25
England	Hackney	14	8	13	12	13
England	Halton	14	16	34	23	12
England	Hammersmith and Fulham	37	28	26	23	14
England	Hampshire	280	262	371	279	261

England	Haringey	21	17	19	16	5
England	Harrow	20	11	28	18	11
England	Hartlepool	14	28	32	23	29
England	Havering	19	22	38	18	17
England	Herefordshire	82	57	94	66	37
England	Hertfordshire	121	128	162	134	100
England	Hillingdon	28	30	27	29	28
England	Hounslow	21	14	28	29	10
England	Isle of Wight	22	27	32	27	16
England	Islington	26	17	28	22	14
England	Kensington and Chelsea	20	10	13	17	9
England	Kent	230	296	352	270	240
England	Kingston upon Hull	59	88	82	63	42
England	Kingston upon Thames	15	16	14	22	17
England	Kirklees	55	74	86	55	59
England	Knowsley	20	25	27	19	19
England	Lambeth	36	38	23	44	18
England	Lancashire	229	317	348	256	184
England	Leeds	158	158	139	116	97
England	Leicester	37	26	49	36	48
England	Leicestershire	130	116	147	129	104
England	Lewisham	27	27	28	23	18
England	Lincolnshire	131	196	193	190	150
England	Liverpool	42	83	93	65	37
England	Luton	17	20	20	21	16
England	Manchester	55	76	106	57	54
England	Medway	45	50	49	55	35
England	Merton	18	23	20	20	16
England	Middlesbrough	27	31	39	25	26
England	Milton Keynes	31	36	42	52	29
England	Newcastle upon Tyne	66	83	87	81	49
England	Newham	15	16	15	24	18
England	Norfolk	149	159	177	198	151
England	Northamptonshire	105	140	137	120	82
England	North East Lincolnshire	25	39	48	46	46
England	North Lincolnshire	30	39	41	39	34
England	North Somerset	34	39	36	39	24
England	North Tyneside	32	58	53	31	37
England	Northumberland	66	90	101	89	63
England	North Yorkshire	174	169	196	134	126
England	Nottingham	80	48	77	48	86
England	Nottinghamshire	133	137	161	137	128
England	Oldham	35	42	49	30	20
England	Oxfordshire	144	161	105	105	89
England	Peterborough	18	25	40	33	30
England	Plymouth	56	76	91	85	60
England	Poole	28	30	32	30	18
England	Portsmouth	65	39	50	59	43
England	Reading	25	30	27	26	19
England	Redbridge	13	24	17	22	13
England	Redcar and Cleveland	35	54	43	41	31
England	Richmond upon Thames	24	20	25	17	12
England	Rochdale	25	52	46	35	28
England	Rotherham	33	51	57	49	25

England	Rutland	13	12	13	13	8
England	Salford	32	38	57	36	30
England	Sandwell	34	50	45	44	29
England	Sefton	35	60	63	45	29
England	Sheffield	121	87	151	94	106
England	Shropshire	76	63	84	64	61
England	Slough	9	6	13	16	5
England	Solihull	33	29	38	34	22
England	Somerset	109	133	159	116	105
England	Southampton	81	38	81	45	40
England	Southend on Sea	19	18	25	26	12
England	South Gloucestershire	57	49	68	49	30
England	South Tyneside	25	41	26	22	18
England	Southwark	39	23	41	22	23
England	Staffordshire	143	168	173	138	120
England	St Helens	31	26	28	32	23
England	Stockport	35	41	60	37	36
England	Stockton-on-Tees	52	58	68	54	34
England	Stoke-on-Trent	50	38	31	39	27
England	Suffolk	127	121	157	153	113
England	Sunderland	40	80	75	48	35
England	Surrey	143	146	200	185	146
England	Sutton	26	33	28	20	15
England	Swindon	25	33	38	36	42
England	Tameside	34	53	58	29	31
England	Telford and Wrekin	40	53	38	53	34
England	Thurrock	15	16	17	25	16
England	Torbay	15	26	27	36	23
England	Tower Hamlets	23	16	31	18	12
England	Trafford	32	34	37	25	21
England	Wakefield	58	73	88	45	37
England	Walsall	24	41	43	41	25
England	Waltham Forest	12	11	11	16	13
England	Wandsworth	35	44	46	38	30
England	Warrington	20	36	45	32	21
England	Warwickshire	107	93	123	109	77
England	West Berkshire	20	33	38	33	18
England	Westminster	22	15	23	25	16
England	West Sussex	81	109	140	109	81
England	Wigan	43	64	84	55	43
England	Wiltshire	168	158	155	126	132
England	Windsor and Maidenhead	29	18	28	8	16
England	Wirral	52	74	78	45	59
England	Wokingham	24	17	23	30	19
England	Wolverhampton	32	50	50	39	36
England	Worcestershire	77	109	122	111	91
England	York	51	57	59	58	35
Northern Ireland	Belfast	50	43	71	61	46
Northern Ireland	North Eastern	101	110	120	108	85
Northern Ireland	South Eastern	94	97	109	112	89
Northern Ireland	Southern	58	61	68	54	52
Northern Ireland	Western	28	43	54	52	22

Scotland	Aberdeen City	63	37	49	45	67
Scotland	Aberdeenshire	33	22	27	50	46
Scotland	Angus	37	25	27	25	22
Scotland	Argyll & Bute	13	20	24	16	14
Scotland	Clackmannanshire	9	11	11	10	10
Scotland	Dumfries & Galloway	31	30	41	28	29
Scotland	Dundee City	42	51	53	48	52
Scotland	East Ayrshire	36	31	38	17	19
Scotland	East Dunbartonshire	17	16	18	15	14
Scotland	East Lothian	23	30	18	21	15
Scotland	East Renfrewshire	14	6	11	4	4
Scotland	Edinburgh, City of	110	84	156	106	68
Scotland	Eilean Siar	3	2	4	6	2
Scotland	Falkirk	29	24	23	18	17
Scotland	Fife	90	91	128	93	62
Scotland	Glasgow City	100	90	144	108	78
Scotland	Highland	38	40	35	43	28
Scotland	Inverclyde	10	13	15	21	5
Scotland	Midlothian	17	11	22	13	12
Scotland	Moray	10	11	22	20	11
Scotland	North Ayrshire	44	29	29	32	17
Scotland	North Lanarkshire	38	64	69	48	26
Scotland	Orkney Islands	3	4	4	3	3
Scotland	Perth & Kinross	31	28	21	31	26
Scotland	Renfrewshire	23	29	34	21	17
Scotland	Scottish Borders	22	25	13	22	19
Scotland	Shetland Islands	2			2	2
Scotland	South Ayrshire	21	19	26	19	13
Scotland	South Lanarkshire	33	59	48	47	23
Scotland	Stirling	50	33	40	23	17
Scotland	West Dunbartonshire	10	21	21	11	4
Scotland	West Lothian	38	30	46	19	20
Wales	Blaenau Gwent	10	17	22	15	8
Wales	Bridgend	11	25	34	27	17
Wales	Caerphilly	22	29	52	31	36
Wales	Cardiff	68	62	86	56	58
Wales	Carmarthenshire	26	37	38	40	21
Wales	Ceredigion	25	22	35	16	16
Wales	Conwy	18	28	35	21	36
Wales	Denbighshire	12	34	28	21	24
Wales	Flintshire	25	43	37	31	21
Wales	Gwynedd	26	25	35	26	33
Wales	Isle of Anglesey	14	23	18	16	18
Wales	Merthyr Tydfil	2	10	7	13	8
Wales	Monmouthshire	10	29	21	24	19
Wales	Neath Port Talbot	24	32	39	23	27
Wales	Newport	19	25	31	28	20
Wales	Pembrokeshire	18	25	27	19	26
Wales	Powys	27	37	24	29	29
Wales	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	21	55	66	37	43
Wales	Swansea	44	46	62	35	38
Wales	Torfaen	17	28	22	21	17
Wales	Vale of Glamorgan	13	31	32	22	14
Wales	Wrexham	43	28	26	21	22

RAF Regular Intakes in the United Kingdom - RAF Recruiting by Region 13-18

County	Recruitment Year						Grand Total
	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	
Aberdeenshire	5	6	6	2	12	8	39
Angus	7	8	2	6	5	10	38
Argyll	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
Avon	10	16	16	17	15	20	94
Ayrshire	6	10	9	11	8	6	50
Banffshire	3		1		3	5	12
Bath & North East Somerset		1					1
Bedfordshire	9	13	22	12	17	18	91
Berkshire	10	6	10	10	12	17	65
Berwickshire		3	1	4	3	4	15
Birmingham		1					1
Bristol					1	1	2
Buckinghamshire	12	18	25	26	28	26	134
Caithness	2		1	2		2	7
Cambridgeshire	22	30	36	33	33	31	185
Channel Islands					2		2
Cheshire	34	49	46	36	40	44	249
Clackmannanshire	1	2	3	1	2	1	10
Cleveland	18	38	24	38	47	44	209
Clwyd	14	15	15	30	20	29	123
Cornwall	29	37	29	30	24	28	177
County Antrim	3	10	7	14	15	25	74
County Armagh		5	2	4	1	4	16
County Down	4	5	4	6	9	6	34
County Fermanagh		1	1	1	2		5
County Londonderry			4	3	2	2	11
County Tyrone	1	2	3	1	1	1	9
COVENTRY		1					1
Cumbria	11	30	27	17	18	26	129
Derbyshire	20	28	24	31	28	27	158
Devon	26	50	59	50	88	70	343
Dorset	19	26	31	33	40	37	186
Dumfriesshire	1	3	2	2	2	3	13
Dunbartonshire	1	4	2	2	4	7	20
Dyfed	12	7	15	17	15	18	84
East Lothian	1	3	4	4	3	2	17
East Riding of Yorkshire	7	5	7	15	20	12	66
East Sussex	11	13	18	14	16	12	84
East Yorkshire	1		1		1		3
Essex	21	19	25	21	22	39	147
Fife	15	17	13	21	16	10	92
GLOUCESTER				3			3
Gloucestershire	26	30	38	28	38	35	195
Greater London		1	3	1	1	2	8
Greater Manchester					1	1	2

Gwent	9	11	32	32	20	16	120
Gwynedd	12	8	12	12	13	20	77
Hampshire	58	54	68	77	78	82	417
Herefordshire	5	8	9	7	15	13	57
Hertfordshire	10	11	16	22	23	25	107
HIGHLANDS						1	1
Inverness-Shire	1		3	3	4	4	15
Isle Of Barra				1			1
Isle Of Man	1						1
Isle of Skye			2				2
Isle of Wight	1	3	4	4	1	3	16
Kent	11	20	34	39	30	34	168
Kincardineshire		1			2	2	5
Kinross-shire			1		1		2
Kirkcudbrightshire		3	1		1		5
Lanarkshire	13	17	21	19	19	19	108
Lancashire	62	102	125	144	111	140	684
Leicestershire	15	19	25	22	28	40	149
Lincolnshire	87	115	135	119	117	123	697
LIVERPOOL	1	1					2
LONDON	1				1	1	3
Londonderry	1						1
Merseyside	49	64	51	65	38	51	318
Mid Glamorgan	19	27	24	25	14	20	129
Middlesex	9	9	13	16	15	20	82
Midlothian	8	1	10	6	6	12	43
Morayshire	6	9	17	13	27	12	84
Nairnshire				1			1
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	2						2
Norfolk	30	36	43	45	39	41	234
North Humberside	14	36	24	20	15	26	135
North Lincolnshire						1	1
North Somerset	1						1
North Yorkshire	27	32	52	54	43	43	251
Northamptonshire	11	19	21	29	18	26	124
Northumberland	10	21	10	21	20	23	105
Nottinghamshire	33	47	44	51	31	57	263
Oxfordshire	27	36	58	38	44	40	243
Peeblesshire	1	1				1	3
Perthshire	4	2	2	2	4	8	22
PORTSMOUTH	1	1					2
Powys	5	4	3	6	5	3	26
PRESTON			1				1
Renfrewshire	2	3	6	7	4	9	31
Ross-Shire	1	1	1	6		3	12
Roxburghshire	1		1	1	1	3	7
Rutland	1	2	2	5	1	1	12
Scotland	1						1
Selkirkshire		1	1	1		1	4
Shetland Islands						1	1
SHREWSBURY				1			1
Shropshire	27	23	32	32	31	50	195

Somerset	7	21	16	25	23	26	118
South Glamorgan	11	5	11	12	10	16	65
South Gloucestershire					1		1
South Humberside	10	32	34	37	32	36	181
South Yorkshire	26	37	53	67	41	48	272
Staffordshire	13	30	37	44	42	54	220
Stirlingshire		3	4	4	6	8	25
Suffolk	13	27	23	15	29	30	137
Surrey	6	16	15	18	19	20	94
Swansea			1				1
Tyne and Wear	18	23	26	31	43	58	199
Warwickshire	14	14	12	13	17	19	89
West Glamorgan	7	19	14	13	12	20	85
West Lothian	2	6	2	11	4	6	31
West Midlands	35	39	66	72	73	82	367
West Sussex	9	13	9	11	18	24	84
West Yorkshire	38	32	44	65	43	59	281
Wigtownshire		2	2	1			5
Wiltshire	24	25	42	45	32	46	214
Wiltshire						1	1
WOLVERHAMPTON					2		2
Worcestershire	8	12	19	24	26	25	114
YORK					1		1
Yorkshire						1	1
North Lanarkshire				1		1	2
Carmarthenshire						1	1
CountyDurham	20	24	25	35	33	35	172
Durham						1	1
Grand Total	1202	1642	1896	2037	1943	2227	10947

Caveats: 1. Includes RAF Regular candidates who have a County listed in their Primary application address within the United Kingdom and were allocated to an Intake date. 2. County data is manually entered by Candidates and may not represent a County. 3. Does not include candidates who have not entered a County as part of their address. 4. Recruitment year runs 01 Apr to 31 Mar (i.e. Financial year).